

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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UTILIZATION OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal of melting the unutilized and obsolete equipments of defence installations in steel plants;
- (b) whether the steel obtained by melting obsolete and old generation cannons are proposed to be reused;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether unutilized stockpiles of defence establishments are proposed to be auctioned; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c): As a one time activity in 1987, spares, tanks and armaments weighing 15.747 metric tonnes valued at Rs. 241.67 lakh was sent to the steel plants for melting and to be sold as scrap. There has been no such activity thereafter.

(d) & (e): Practice is already in vogue to dispose of salvage/surplus stores through Metal Scrap Trading Corporation (MSTC) as per the procedure laid down.